

Hello,

This past weekend I took a trip to southern Missouri south of Salem, literally in a town with a population of only 200 - 300 people. We arrived at a campground that was once a youth camp deep in the woods -- there were 5000 people that showed up at this outdoor festival.

Over the weekend spanning from Thursday May 27th until Monday (Memorial Day) there were heavy thunderstorms and hail / tornado warnings all throughout Missouri. I have XM radio available in my car through an add-on unit, and I also have FM / AM stations available through my head-unit. When we reached the campground on Thursday we were desperate to know weather conditions so we could appropriately notify people through the internet and the on the recorded message for directions.

Unfortunately AM and FM stations were completely unavailable or static-ridden.

When I arrived, with XM radio on and weather conditions being broadcast, it literally saved the day. Immediately road conditions and weather information for all surrounding areas was readily available, and in time for us to warn others of flooded roadways.

In situations such as this, XM radio has bridged the gap and allowed users to be in touch with news and weather information from *anywhere* -- something AM stations have longed to do.

If the NAB has a problem with the freedom it allows its users, then they need to spend the money to compete rather than spending the money to halt innovation.

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